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**IOWA.**

About 600 tons of hay have been shipped from the hay press at Rolfe the past month.

The "Iowa Legion of Honor" had 5,080 members in 152 lodges, December 1.

Capt. Otis Cottle, one of the pioneers of Clinton, is dead, at the age of 75 years.

The last artesian well at the Julien house, Dubuque, is 880 feet deep and flows 400 gallons a minute.

The Register says that more coal is handled in Rock Valley than in any other town in Sioux county.

Miss Maude Clinkenbard, of Harrison county, was found dead in bed last Saturday morning. Her death is a mystery.

The Atlantic Messenger is told that not less than \$30,000 worth of fruit trees and vines will be shipped from that point this year.

Belle Morgan and Minnie Wade, the girls who recently mysteriously disappeared from Burlington, are in Ottumwa, Belle as a domestic, and Minnie with relatives.

In Creston a tramp entered the house of a Mr. Youngtwist a few days ago and demanded Mrs. Youngtwist to give him some clothing, threatening to kill her and her children if she refused to comply with his demands. He got the clothing.

The following patents were granted to citizens of Iowa, bearing date December 4, 1883: Wm. L. Beach, Webster City, trace fastener; A. R. Byrkit, Fairfield, book rest; J. M. Holmes, Sioux City, sad-iron holder; Wm. L. Linder, Burlington, device for attaching neckties; S. F. Stever, Fairfield, railway rail joint; John Stewart, Traer, evaporating apparatus; S. F. Welch, Mt. Pleasant, excavating machine.

Mary Dirks, a German girl, only five weeks in this country, was charged the other day with stealing a pocketbook. She protested her innocence, weeping bitterly, and when she was left to herself she went to the barn intent upon suicide. When an officer was brought to arrest her she was found in the act of adjusting a cloth to her neck that she might hang herself. She was taken to jail at Davenport. The sheriff believes her innocent.

**"My Mother"**

Has been using your *Peppermint Cure* as a liver remedy, and has then very effectually. Chas. L. Ainsworth, 41 Vance Block, Indianapolis, Ind.

**Specimens of Railroad Robbery.**

North Platte Telegraph.

The following letter from a Nebraskan appears in the Chicago Tribune:

I have just had a case of railroad extortion, showing the necessity of some government control of the Union Pacific. I shipped a lot of wool from Lodge Pole, Neb., about 300 miles west of Omaha, to Boston this season in a commission house. In my return a day or two since I found the freight charged to me at over three cents a pound. Supposing it a mistake, I wrote them. To my surprise they sent me a railroad receipt making it to be correct, and that freight from Nebraska to Boston was greater than from San Francisco, and freight from San Francisco to Boston was greater than from Australia to Boston via the same route, on wool, thus making wool shipped from Australia to Boston have considerably less freight charges upon it than mine from Nebraska, giving the Australia wool-grower an advantage over our Nebraska wool-grower in our Boston market. It is impossible for words to do this subject justice.

The above communication demonstrates very forcibly the necessity of having the railroads controlled by law. From Lodge Pole to Boston is only a little over half the distance that it is from San Francisco to Boston, yet the railroads exact more for transportation over the shorter than they do for the longer distance. And yet the rates on through business must be very profitable when the companies who now control it can afford to subsidize the Northern Pacific railroad and the Pacific Mail Steamship companies to the extent of \$1,000,000 a year for refraining to compete for this business.

It is concluded that rates on through business is profitable. Is it not downright robbery; to extort a still greater rate for half the distance, and that half the part that is most cheaply operated?

It is represented to prospective land buyers and settlers on the U. P. lands that it is to their advantage to settle on the railroad lands in Nebraska, because the facilities for getting their produce to the world's markets are so superior, but when the poor settler after reading the glowing prospects held out to him settles on these lands, he finds, as did the writer of the above communication, that he is not permitted to enjoy any of the benefits of his nearness to markets, that the great railroad companies, by exorbitant rates, have robbed him of these benefits, and that practically the wool-grower in Western Nebraska is farther away from the Boston market than his brother wool-grower in Australia.

Nebraska has in its criminal code a law making it a felony punishable with imprisonment in the penitentiary to rob or steal to the extent of \$25. Shall it be said that these greater robbers are beyond and above law?

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**The Origin of Christmas.**

Geo. Wm. Curtis, in Harper's Magazine for December.

Christmas looks out at us from the dim shadow of the groves of the Druids who knew not Christ, and it is dear to those who no longer know the name of Christ. The Christmas log, which Horriek exhorts his merrie, merrie boys to bring with a noise to the firing, is but the Saxon Yule-log burning on the English hearth, and the blazing holiday tapers of Saturn shine again in the illuminated Christian churches. It is the pagan mistletoe under which the Christian youth kisses the Christian maid. It is the holy of the old Roman Saturnalia which decorates Braebide Hall on Christmas eve. The huge smoking barrel of beef, the flowing oceans of ale, but the survivors of the tremendous eating and drinking of the Scandinavian Walhalla.

The Christian and ante-Christian feeling blend in the happy season, and the Christian observance mingles at every point with the pagan rite. It is not easy to say where the paganisms ends and the Christianity begins. The carol and the wassail, the prayers and the games, the generous hospitality, hobby-horse and the lord of misrule, Maid Marian and Santa Claus, are a curious medley of the old and the new. As the religious thought of all ages and countries, when it reaches a certain elevation, flows into an expression which makes the scriptures of the most divergent nations harmonious, the history of this happy festival is evidence of the common humanity of the earlier and later races; and the stranger in Braebide hall, musing by the glowing hearth, on Christmas eve, as he watches the romping revelry beneath the glistening berries, and listens to the wail carolling

**Washington Gossip.**

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This is a good instance of McLean's luck. He is one of the most fortunate fellows living, and everything he touches seems to turn into cash. Less than ten years ago he was in charge of The Cincinnati Enquirer, when it was but little known outside of Cincinnati, and had about six thousand circulation. Now it goes over the whole country, and has nearly eighty thousand circulation, and could not be bought for less than a million and a half. John McLean owns every dollar of it, and he has besides a lot of real estate in Cincinnati and other property, which puts him high up in the rank of millionaires.

He runs The Enquirer on business principles, pays cash for everything, and every Saturday night is out of debt. He was in Europe studying German when his father wrote him to come home and go into the office. He did so, commencing at directing envelopes, and he has since then ascended in every position on the paper. Even now he watches everything about the office closely. He reads every line in the paper, and usually goes over it with an amanuensis at his side, to whom he issues instructions as he goes along. He watches the local columns closely, and when he sees a good local item writes it out himself, as he also often does the introduction to any prominent local feature in the paper. He is well liked by his employees, and they look on him rather as a friend than as a task master. John McLean is now 35 years old. He weighs 180 pounds and is the picture of health. He has a big, round head, slightly bald, a bright, black eye, and fat, rosy cheeks. His hair is black and his mustache of a reddish brown. He is well educated, talks French and German, and converses well. He is unmarried, and if he says in Washington this season, as I understand he will, he will be one of the best of matrimonial catches.

**Pomeroy's New Scheme.**

"Breck" Pomeroy is expected in Washington this week. He will come with his pockets filled with legislation for his native State. The principal bill is for granting of land on both sides of his tunnel so wide as will benefit the company which proposes to work these tracts for mineral to pay expenses. The application will complete grants across the divide to the Pacific terminus of the tunnel. Mr. Pomeroy will be a conspicuous figure on the lobby during the winter.

**General Denver in Washington.**

General Denver, the man after whom the city of Denver is named, presided in Washington at the meeting of the Mexican Veteran association. He is a lawyer in this city, his home being in Ohio, where he lived when appointed governor of Kansas territory, of which Arapahoe county was then a part. The association is agitating congress for a pension bill. General Denver expressed himself as being proud of his name, and declared his wish that some day it might experience a change of heart and give an honest democratic majority.

**Colorado's New Senator.**

Senator Bowen sits at the side of Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, who occupies the desk filled last season by Senator Tabor. The new Colorado Senator attracts considerable curious attention, especially from the crack potter plant in the capital, who in some way or other have got it into their heads that Mr. Bowen, who only knows an ace of clubs is not a stack of shingles, is remarkably expert at the game. Thus far he has proven himself a close attendant, and already he is in full swing for legislative glory. Senator Hill occupies his old seat to the left of Senator Morrill, of Vermont.

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